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INTRODUCTION

The Giles Christopher Savage Papers, 1850-1933, are centered on Giles Christopher Savage (1854-1930), ophthalmologist of Nashville, Tennessee. The Giles Christopher Savage Family papers are a gift of Mrs. Nell Savage Mahoney of Nashville, Tennessee.

The materials in this collection measure .42 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Giles Christopher Savage papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Giles Christopher Savage Papers, containing approximately 200 items, span the period 1850-1933. The collection includes clippings, correspondence, court records, genealogical data, legal documents, memorabilia, notes (medical), patents and copyrights, photographs, poetry, speeches, writings and several miscellaneous items.

Genealogical data can be found on the Hamilton Savage family (1816-1879) and his descendants who lived in Connecticut, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Legal documents consist of ophthalmic contracts and settlement of the Armour Hotel. The notes (medical) relate primarily to ophthalmology. Patents are of the hot water heater and distributing system. Poetry consists of letters written in poetic form by Dr. Giles Christopher Savage (1850-1933) to his mother and wife. Also included is the poem "Our Presidents" by Dr. Savage. Speeches consist of a medical address by Dr. Savage entitled "The Nervous Mechanism of the Eyes." Included in the collection are many medical writings by Dr. Savage. Books in the collection were removed to the library.

This collection supplements the Nell Savage Mahoney Papers, 1928-1978, (THS Ac. No. 457) in the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Giles Christopher Savage

- 1854 January 15 – Born near Rienzi, Mississippi, the son of Hamilton Giles and Eleanor Jane (Shields) Savage
- 1876-1878 Educated at Masonic Institute in Henderson, Tennessee and at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Opened first practice in Jackson, Tennessee
- 1880-1881 Post-Graduate – Surgery and the Eye, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1881 Married Leslie Alice Jones
- 1884 Post-Graduate courses – Royal Ophthalmic Hospital in Moorfields, England
- 1884-1885 Courses in hospitals of Vienna, Fuchs Eye Clinic, and the University of Vienna
- 1886 Accepted Chair of Ophthalmology and Otology at Medical School of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee
Secretary of Vanderbilt School of Medicine
- 1894 Member and guest speaker at Eighth International Ophthalmologic Congress in Edinburgh, Scotland
- 1902 Patent issued on *Improvements in Hot Water Heating and Distributing System*
- 1903 Address titled “The Voluntary and Involuntary Brain Centers Controlling the Ocular Muscles” delivered before Eye Section of American Medical Association
- 1907 Address delivered “The Duality of Man,” at 58th annual meeting of American Medical Association
- 1926 American College of Surgeons Conferred Montreal Convocation
- 1930 Died April 8 of Pneumonia

Publications:

Ophthalmic Record – Volume 1 (ed.) – 1891

New Truths in Ophthalmology – 1893

Ophthalmic Myology – 1902

Ophthalmic Neuro – Myology – 1905

The Nervo-Muscular Mechanism of the Eyes and Routine in Eye Work – 1916

Time and Place Harmony of the Gospels – 1927

Cycles of Time and Seasons – 1928

CONTAINER LIST

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2. Clippings -- Miscellaneous
3. Copyrights – New truths in Ophthalmology – Ophthalmic Myology – Ophthalmic Neuro-Myology
4. Correspondence – Fox, L. Webster – G. _____, S.D.
5. Correspondence – Kaplan - Martin
6. Correspondence – Miller - Ross
7. Correspondence – Savage - Stevens
8. Court records – Litigation – Acklen, Adelia (copies)
9. Court records – Litigation – Pugsley, Eliza V. Henry Blood and A.V.S. Lindsley (Copies)
10. Court records – Litigation – Shelby, John V. David B. Hicks
11. Court records – Woods, James A., *et al* (copies)
12. Court records – Strickland, Wm., *et al* (copies)
13. Court records – VanLeer, Anthony, *et al* (copies)
14. Genealogical data – Savage family
15. Invitations – Miscellaneous
16. Legal documents – contract – ophthalmic record
17. Legal documents – settlement – Armour Hotel, Jackson, TN, 1897
18. Notes – Savage, G.C. – Medical
19. Notes – Miscellaneous
20. Memorabilia – Miscellaneous
21. Patents – Savage, G.C. – Hotwater Heater and Distributing Systems
22. Photographs – Miscellaneous
23. Poetry – Savage, G.C. – “Our Presidents”
24. Poetry – Savage, G.C. – Miscellaneous
25. Printed material – Crook, Jere L. and Walter W. Crawford “The Birth and Early History of the Southern Medical Association”
26. Speeches – Savage, G.C. – Medical addresses
27. Writings – Savage, G.C. – Cigarette smoking (copy)
28. Writings – Savage, G.C. – Essay read at Euphemian reunion
29. Writings – Savage, G.C. – Medical
30. Writings – Savage, G.C. – Minutes of Nashville Journal of Medicine Surgery 1866 meeting
31. Writings – Savage, G.C. – “The Voluntary and Involuntary Controlling the Ocular Muscles”

NAME INDEX

This is a name index of the correspondence only in the Giles Christopher Savage Papers, together with the dates of the letters and information regarding their contents. The figures in parentheses denote the number of letters, if more than one. The last numbers refer to the box and folder in which the material is to be found.

- Fox, L. Webster to G.C. Savage, 1930, re: description of implementation of glass ball in the orbital tissue from which the natural eye has been removed, 1-4
- G. _____, S.D. (2) to G.C. Savage, 1879-1880, re: interesting pathological and practical point of view, 1-4
- Kaplan, M.R. to G.C. Savage, 1931, re: sending cards for sale with flowers artistically arranged on them gathered from the hills of Jerusalem, 1-5
- Knapp, Herman (3) to G.C. Savage, 1905, re: difference of views on the center of rotation, 1-5
- Maddox, Ernest S. to G.C. Savage, 1899, re: thanking Dr. Savage for copies of ophthalmic record and for reviewing his book, 1-5
- Martin, Franklin H. to G.C. Savage, 1926, re: admittance to the Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons, 1-5
- Miller, S.R. (2) to G.C. Savage, 1929, re: history of American Medical Association, 1-6
- Risley, Samuel D. to G.C. Savage, 1914, re: enclosure of articles on "Abnormalities of Ocular Balance," 1-6
- Ross, Hugh (2) to D.C. Savage, 1895, re: discussing the hiring of a Mrs. Hank for the hotel and the purchase of furnishings, 1-6
- Savage, G.C. (copies) (6) to Herman Knapp, n.d., re: difference of views on the center of rotation; acknowledgment of receipt of new book, *Ophthalmic Neuro-Myology*, 1-7
- Savage, G.C. to G.M. Savage, 1878, re: family news, 1-7
- Savage, G.C. (copies) (4) to George T. Stevens, 1899, re: controversy on papers published in Medical Archives, 1-7
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